

NC Health Choice Summary

- 4.0 percent of parents reported that their child's current primary health insurance plan was NC Health Choice.
- 14.5 percent of children currently under NC Health Choice did not have health insurance at some point during the past 12 months, compared to 6.4 percent of all children.

Demographic Characteristics

- Racial background for children covered by NC Health Choice was 48.5 percent white, 33.5 percent African American, and 18.0 percent other race, compared to the total sample of 63.7 percent white, 21.3 percent African American and 15.0 percent other race.
- 13.6 percent of children covered by NC Health Choice were Hispanic, compared to 11.7 percent for the total sample.
- Highest level of education for households with a child covered by NC Health Choice was 13.9 percent less than high school, 30.1 percent high school graduate, 34.0 percent some college, and 22.0 percent college degree, compared to the total sample of 7.0 percent less than high school, 17.8 percent High School graduate, 24.5 percent some college, and 50.7 percent college degree.
- Among households with less than a high school education, 7.9 percent were covered under NC Health Choice; 6.8 percent of children from households with a high school degree were covered under NC Health Choice. Among households with some college education, 5.5 percent were covered under NC Health Choice; 1.7 percent of children from households with a college degree were covered under NC Health Choice.
- NC Health Choice is available for children ages 6 years and older. Age group of child covered by NC Health Choice was 50.8 percent 6 to 11 years, and 49.2 percent 12 to 17 years, compared to the total sample of 33.4 percent 0 to 5 years, 33.0 percent 6 to 11 years, and 33.6 percent 12 to 17 years.

Health Care Access and Utilization

- 81.9 percent of children covered by NC Health Choice usually visited a doctor for sick care, while 8.8 percent visited a Public Health Center, and 9.1 percent visited a hospital (including outpatient, emergency room, or urgent care center), compared to the total sample of 87.5 percent who visited a doctor, 4.8 percent visited a Public Health Center, and 6.0 percent visited a hospital for sick care.